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ISSUED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

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THE END OF THE CHAPTER.

With the New Year the last political prisoner in Hawaii was released. It was a dramatic scene at the jail, the last act in what was nearly a very bloody tragedy. Those of the prisoners who think, and they do think, realize now what might have been had they been successful. We feel assured that they realize that they had started a ball rolling which they themselves shudder over. Major Seward, in his remarks to the executive officers, showed the spirit of a gallant foe. He said he had done wrong and fully appreciated the kindness of the Government in remitting the sentences and that the Government would lose nothing by what they had done.

This is the end of the episode. It was a bad business. It is finished. Once a thing is over it should be buried. What these gentlemen, together with the other released prisoners, have to do, is to unite one and all in advancing the prosperity of the country. A gallant foe is worthy of all confidence. The man who has paid his price, knows what the price is, and is not likely to run his head against a brick wall again.

Let bygones be bygones. We wish all prosperity and peace to those who have been released, and hope in the future to find them working alongside of us as good citizens and friends—and some of them were our friends in years past.

FINIS.

THE HOG: NOT AN AGRICULTURAL STUDY.

The hog delights to wallow in the mire. To its tough hide the mess of liquid filth adds but a pleasant coolness. The garbage heap, also, is a delight to the pig. The refuse and offal of kitchen, refectory and stable possesses a great attraction to the hoggish palate, and the half-rotten and unsavory morsels are gobbled up with great gusto. This is the nature of the beast. We may shrink from contact, but we acknowledge that the ways of hogs are thus ordered for them by nature, and we cannot expect them to do otherwise.

It must be the same with the human hog. He comes along to these Islands, we will say, sees beautiful skies, the most luxuriant of vegetation, the most exquisite of tropic scenery, and soon gets to know the people, and finds that they are kindly, generous, not much better, not much worse than people elsewhere. Human nature is, after all, very much the same in New England, in California, in Russia, in England, in Australia, in Hawaii. But this is far too clean for the human hog. Says he: "Adjective your skies! What care I for greenery? What care I for kindliness, generosity and good qualities? What care I that you have pure homes, or conduct yourselves as decent citizens of the world? No, No; Show me the garbage heap. Haven't you some nice, rank, ill-smelling cesspool in which I can wallow to my heart's content?" So the human hog on the principle of "like to like" finds his own kind and enjoys himself. We really have no objection to his doing so. If he likes to hear all the scandals and ill-smelling tales concocted—some out of whole cloth, some on the flimsiest of evidence—let him get hold of his muck, chew it over and enjoy it. If he finds it a joy to trace down every frail woman, every weak man, let him enjoy his salacious feast of rotting, festering garbage. But—and here is the point, which is so often missed—he has no right to flaunt his filth in print, to send it into any home of the Republic and pollute the air with his

poisonous emanations. This kind of thing has been done here, "ad nauseam" and it is time that it should be stopped. The Gazette Company have definitely shown that they will not allow any such stuff to go through their presses. The edition of the Hawaiian, written and edited by Julian Hayne, would have been a disgrace to the office that issued it—a disgrace to Julian Hayne it cannot be, for he is beneath disgrace. The owners of the Gazette Publishing Company did a public benefit when they burned the edition and whatever the pecuniary loss may have been to themselves, they have shown that no consideration of mere gain would influence them to allow such stuff to go abroad. That Julian Hayne may get his stuff published elsewhere is very probable. There are those who will print and do print all kinds of disreputable matter. Julian Hayne will have to go after that kind of printer in the future. We must really offer an apology to the quadruped whose name heads this article. After all it would be an absolute shame to compare him with Julian Hayne.

HAWAII is just at the edge of the cyclone region; we have often experienced here what is called the "tail end" of one of these storms. During the seventies we had a visitation somewhat similar to what occurred at the Park on Monday. The storm of that night was a short, but severe, kona, blowing from the southwest. No great damage was done so far as can be ascertained, except in Kapiolani Park, near Diamond Head. The gale struck the hill and seems to have formed a whirlwind, which lasted for two or three moments only, tearing up a hundred or more large trees, and spreading their trunks and branches in every direction. A few dwellings were injured and fences blown down, but this seems to have been the extent of the injury done. Kona storms are often more or less destructive in some localities, but they rarely leave the widespread devastation which accompany the hurricanes and cyclones of the South Pacific and China seas, from which we are fortunately exempt.

KATE FIELD says: "I don't find angels on this earth." There are even those who doubt whether they will be found anywhere. If we take Milton for a guide there were certain so-called "angels" who did not behave in quite an angelic manner. But Miss Field's remark was eminently to the point. As she puts it, the Government party is not composed of angels. The Royalist adherents are not. We would take it to mean that, like all intelligent outsiders, she sees the best of the show. She can put her finger upon this sore spot in our ranks, upon that in those of the enemy. We hope much from Miss Kate Field's letters. She evidently means to be as fair as human attributes allow any of us to be, and she certainly is willing to undergo labor and boredom to intelligently understand the questions she writes upon.

A SIGNIFICANT sign of the times in England is the election of so-called noblemen—it is an objectionable phrase—to the position of mayors of cities. No less than eleven have been elected this last November. It shows that men with large interests find it necessary to take a personal part in the conduct of civic affairs and shows further that men of their class can be popular with the city voters. Among those recently elected are the historic names of the Dukes of Norfolk and Sutherland, Earls of Derby, Warwick, Dudley and Lonsdale and the Marquis of Zetland.

THURM'S ANNUAL, for which we give thanks, is an admirable work of reference. For twenty-two years it has been the repository of condensed statistical information that is of the very highest value. From its modest inception to the present time, we have watched its career and progress with interest.

THE resignation of Mr. G. H. Paris, tendered some months ago, has been finally accepted by the Hawaiian Gazette Company and his place as business manager will in future be filled by Mr. C. G. Ballentyne. Mr. Ballentyne is well known in the community and has familiarized himself with most of the principal points on the island. Mr. Ballentyne we are sure will prove a courteous and businesslike manager.

A GERMAN paper, the Frankfurter Zeitung, has been giving forth a startling piece of information relative to the succession to the English throne. It is generally thought that sons have precedence of daughters in the heirship to the throne. But it is said that the late historian Froude discovered that the laws make no difference between sons and daughters, but confine themselves to the expression "children." If this is really the case the German Emperor might make a claim through his mother. She was born in 1840, the Prince of Wales in 1841. The paper goes on to say that the Emperor is "convinced that a union of the two empires would be of advantage not only to Great Britain and Germany, but to the whole world." Upon this theory the Frankfurter Zeitung furnishes a key to a remark which the Emperor made some while ago, when he said: "The German army and the German navy will one day cross the ocean." The paper further adds that when Queen Victoria dies, England may experience some startling surprises. A war of succession is not likely to occur at this end of the world's history. People are far too republican at heart to throw away money and lives for the sake of seating a gorgeous puppet on a throne. The days of Kings and Queens are drawing to a close, and the change will come by uniting nations into federations, not by putting forward the claims of one hereditary ruler before the claims of another. The bit of information is interesting, however, because it shows the versatile Emperor in yet another light, that of a probable "claimant." He certainly aspires to play many parts.

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